

131-133 Second Avenue (Commercial Building)
(L. H. Kurtz Company)
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-149

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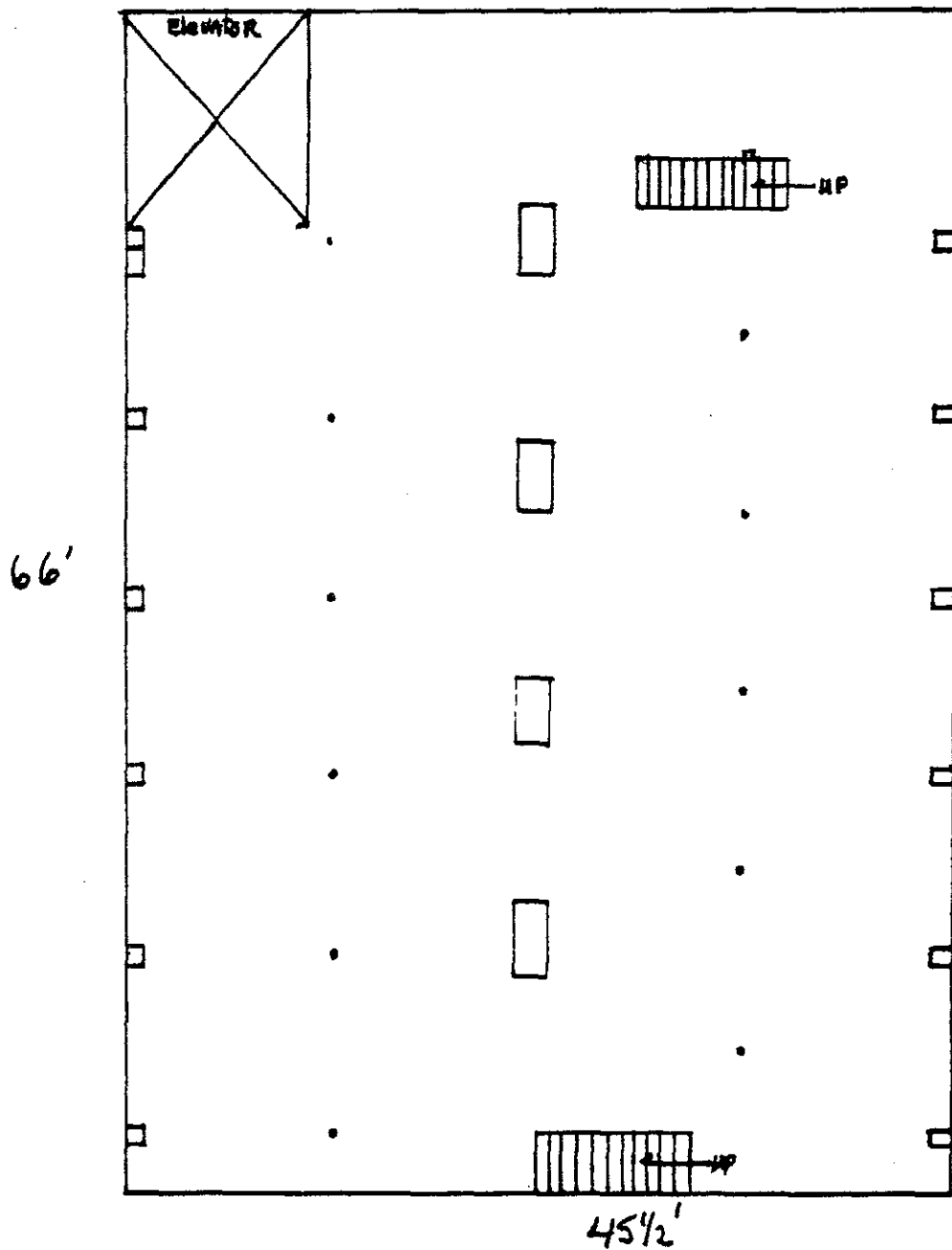
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STATE Iowa	COUNTY Polk	TOWN OR VICINITY Des Moines
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 131-133 Second Avenue (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. IA-149
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE L.H. Kurtz Company		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 131-133 Second Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1900 - Des Moines City Assessor	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) In 1903, the site was purchased by F.M. Hubbell and Sons, who held it until 1957. The building was first used by an auto company. Architecturally, the building is an example of the 1900's commercial style. The building is a contributing structure in the proposed Court Avenue Historic District. The district is primarily known for its warehouses.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) 1900 Commercial style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick on stone and brick foundation, wood framing, reinforced with steel; concrete and hardwood floors		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) (See attached floor plans)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Brick detail above second and third floor windows		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Stone foundation on north basement wall (Sketch of floor plans is attached)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE General condition is fair. Currently being used by L.H. Kurtz Co. for warehouse/storage		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE - After the auto company, the building was used by a brass works and welding company and as a garage and warehouse for the Fulton market, which specialized in meat, fish and oysters. For several years in the mid-50's the building was vacant.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Raabe, Sylvia I. <u>Court Avenue Historic Area Study</u> (City of Des Moines, published February, 1983. Des Moines City Assessor, Des Moines City Directories		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Levy-Malone Company - Debby Moore		DATE February 6, 1984

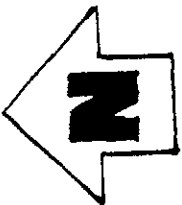
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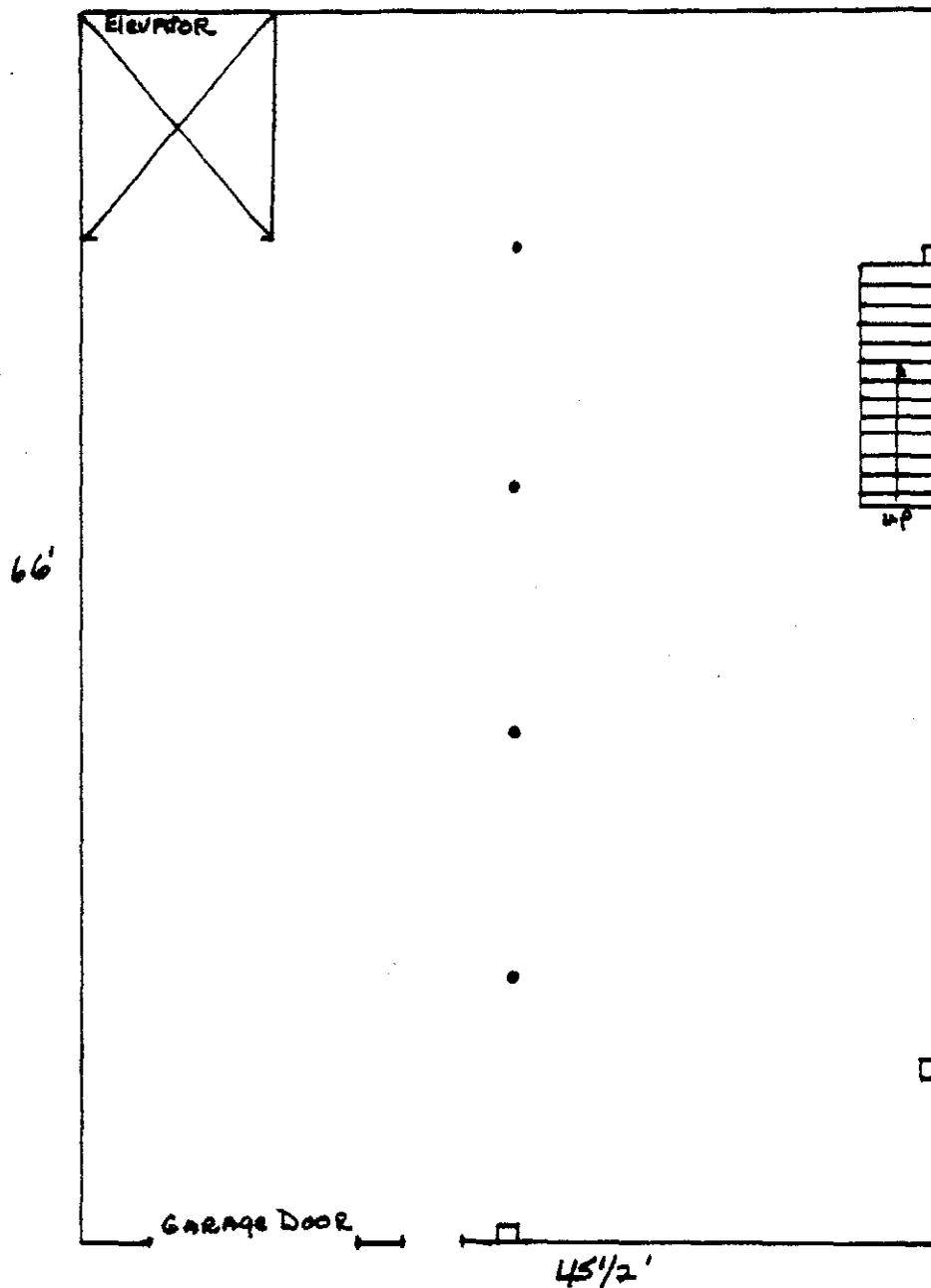
Basement:

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First Floor
(Second and Third Floors similar)
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